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An informed Glades farmer said this week: "Whether vegetable growers in this section learn that irrigation and drainage are two important factors, then and not until then, farming on the shores of Lake Okeechobee will become less hazardous."

The Pahokee high school band is giving a concert on the night of February 28th, to raise funds to defray expenses of the band to the state music contest on the West Coast early in April. Be sure and get your part in buying a ticket for the concert. It is the first participation by the local band in any state affair and we wish them every bit of success possible.

The county school board is losing no time in perfecting plans for carrying out the new school building program in the Glades section. Officials of the board are in Tallahassee this week in conference with state school officials. Plans are being scrutinized. Everything will be in readiness for work to start soon after the bids are received on Friday, Feb. 28.

Home Group Names Officers

At the county convention of the Home Demonstration Council held at the Pahokee Methodist church, last Thursday, the following officers were installed to serve during the coming year:—President, Miss Heland; Delray Beach, vice-president, Mrs. J. J. Freedlund; Glades, secretary, Mrs. Ethel F. Imham; of Lake Worth; treasurer, Mrs. Walter Zlosker, of Chosen. The induction

ceremonies were conducted by Mrs. G. J. Bartow, of South Bay, a former Council president. Among the speakers at the morning session were Miss Lou Honaker, American Red Cross Nurse, who spoke on "Home Relation to National Defense"; Lucile Barnes, of South Bay, "National Civil Citizenship" which she attended at Palm Beach county delegate in Chicago.

A silver loving cup was presented to the Council by the State Association for the excellent work done in the county units during 1940.

WILLKIE EMBARRASSES HIS PARTY

In 1940 there appeared on the American scene a man by the name of Wendell Willkie who seems destined to play a large role in the Nation's political life. His great physical energy, his independence of thought and his great following among the rank and file of voters are ample indications that he is just beginning his public career.

Unlike Governor Landon, whose presidential campaign was the beginning and end for him as a national figure of prominence, Willkie has shown in stature some of his defeat. He has become a national figure second only to that of the President.

What fate has been in store for Willkie, the course of future events must show. At the present writing, it must be admitted that he has become one of the Nation's most influential and popular figures—a dynamo of energy not equaled in the Republican Party, since Theodore Roosevelt.

He has given the narrow, restricted thinking of the Republican leaders, who have not had a new idea in thirty years, a rude jolt and they do not like that. As result of their opposition he may be unable to rejuvenate the old party. In some ways he stands above party lines and it would not be surprising to see him a member of the Roosevelt administration before many months. He is a likely candidate for president in 1944, as an independent or a candidate of one of the major parties, not excluding the possibility of his return to the Democratic fold.—Delray Beach News.

Community Group Names New Officers

The Belle Glade Community Center met on Tuesday night at the City hall, and re-organized for the coming year by electing Arnold Kirchman, the Mayor, as chairman. Other officers elected were: vice-presidents, Mrs. H. L. Hays, Mrs. Charlotte Jackson, Mrs. J. W. Wilson, treasurer, Mrs. James Gendlin; finance chairman, H. L. Hays; directors, Mrs. J. W. Wilson and Mrs. E. E. Hordhede. Report was made that the new headquarters at the camps were being operated successfully. Some financial aid will be afforded the nursery at Camp Okeechobee, where 9000 seedlings are being grown for the Glades. The report was made that the Glades had but \$2500.00 in the treasury to the sum of \$125.00.

Millstream Inc., one of the largest manufacturers of silicon goods in the world, is planning to bring forth at an early date silicon goods to be known as "Marinade Prints." They will portray scenes at Marin Studios and will be made up into exclusive dresses and play suits.

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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By Russell Kay

Thirty-six years ago, in the little town of Stafford, Kansas, four young men, all lovers of music, got together to form a quartet. The group was talented and became quite popular, singing at civic, fraternal meetings and in churches. They had no pretensions at ambitions and sang as a group simply because they found enjoyment in doing so.

For number of years they jammed together, but as is usually the case with such young, close-knit groups, the members finally caused them to drift apart. They maintained contact with each other, however, through the years, and remembered a pledge made among them, to meet at the last time they sang together in Kansas many years ago that if all were alive and able at the age of sixty they would again get together and sing the old songs that had given them and countless others so much pleasure in and around Stafford, Kansas, at the turn of the century.

One of those young men was a chap named Nate E. Reece, who came to Florida to seek his fortune, locating in Arcadia where he still resides as editor and publisher of the "Arcadian." A paper recognized throughout the state as one of the foremost weekly publications. Always a leader in civic affairs, Nate has played a mighty important part in the development of his community and his state. He has long taken an active part in promoting the welfare of the home, is a past president of the Florida State Press Association, and is known and loved by fellow publishers from Pensacola to Key West. An able editor, his writings, originally intended for "Arcadian" subscribers, are constantly being reprinted and I'm confident that at one time or another, every paper in Florida has found occasion to quote "Nate E. Reece" of the "Arcadian."

At Dunedin another able newspaperman is making a name for himself as publisher of his superb excellent and respected Florida weekly, the Dunedin Times. A good deal younger than Nate E. Reece, this chap whose home is in C. W. Cleary also has done much for his community and likewise for the press of the state. His success is due to the competent assistance of his attractive and charming wife who has worked with him in the development of one of the most successful and profitable newspapers and printing establishments in the state.

You are wondering, no doubt, what connection these might be between a quartet organized in Stafford, Kansas nearly 40 years ago, a fellow named Reece in Arcadia, and a successful young man in Dunedin. Cleary is called in the name of Cleary is called in Dunedin. Well, it happens that Mrs.

Cleary is the daughter of Harry Black, formerly of Kansas and now a resident of Portales, New Mexico, where he operates a thriving lumber business—and this same Harry Black was one of the four young men who organized a quartet at Stafford, Kansas, in 1904.

So now the plot thickens, to take in two Florida newspaper folk and carry us as far west as New Mexico. One member of the quartet still lives in Stafford—it's Roy Wallace, baritone, and leader of the group, who is in the insurance and investment business. The fourth member, Floyd Henry, first tenor, now resides in Sterling, Kansas, where he is a successful retail grocer.

Remembering their pledge to get together again at the age of sixty, Roy Wallace of Stafford, Kansas, Harry Black of Portales, New Mexico, and Floyd Henry of Sterling, Kansas, accepted the invitation of Nate E. Reece, Sr. of Arcadia to hold the long waited reunion in sunny Florida and the group met in Tampa this week to again blend their voices for the first time in nearly 20 years.

The amazing thing is that after these years each of these men is in the best of health and none had lost the ability to harmonize. It was my pleasure to hear them and from the way they performed you would think that they had been together constantly. Since getting together here a few days ago they have made several public appearances, singing at Dunedin, Tampa and Arcadia, and as the story of the reunion is getting about the group is being swamped with invitations and they are getting a real kick out of it. This week they made records of such old favorites as "Love's Old Sweet Song," "Until the Dawn," "In the Evening," "I'll Take You Back Again Kathleen," "When Day Fades," and many others. They are scheduled also for radio appearances before they again separate to return to their respective homes.

Principally over the years it is a wonderful and precious thing and it is a small and kindly world where it exists. Florida salutes the Stafford Quartet. May each member enjoy the best of health and prosperity to the end and that other and more frequent reunions will follow.

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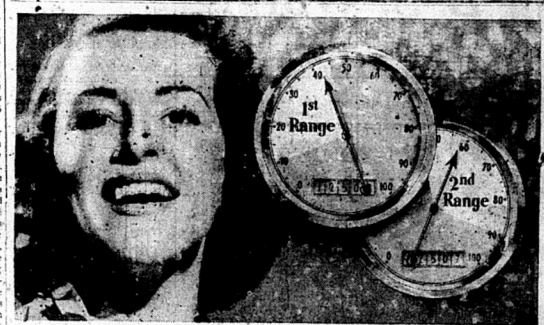
Billy Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Allen of South Bay, wants to join the U. S. Navy, but in order to do so, underwent an operation for removal of his tonsils which had proven a bar to his acceptance. Bill hopes that it will not be long now till he can be wearing a navy uniform.

TOURS STATE

John H. Beacham, president-designate of the Florida Senate, is now on a state-wide tour discussing committee appointments and other details of the coming session of the State Legislature with

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Power Company To Spend Two Million For More Service

Many Improvements Are Suggested By Concern During 1941

More than \$2,000,000 will be spent this year by the Florida Power & Light Company to improve the generating capacity of its interconnected power system serving The Glades District and 210 other Florida communities, according to Mr. Paul de Moya, member of the Florida Power & Light office, here, announced yesterday.

The company will be spending \$1,000,000 on the new generating plant at Ft. Pierce, and \$1,000,000 on the new generating plant at Ft. Pierce.

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Electric power, as well as rapid population increases in Florida, have made this expansion necessary. Mr. de Moya stated. This is the second 30,000 kilowatt generating unit to be added to the Florida Power & Light Company interconnected system within a year.

Installation of a similar unit was completed last month at the Lantana Power & Light Company plant. The second, which will quadruple the capacity of the Miami Beach plant, from 8,000 to 32,000 kilowatts, will be ready for service before the end of 1941. Its fabrication was ordered in July and construction will begin immediately on the new buildings to house the giant machine and its auxiliary equipment.

Because of the company's interconnected grid, which is typical of the national grid of electric power, the private utility companies are the World War, Florida Power & Light Company is supplying the military with power for its training station.

and air base, near Miami; the West Palm Beach air base, and the Banana River auxiliary naval air base, near Cocoa. In addition to those government projects, the company supplies power for a number of industries engaged in defense production, such as aircraft, shipbuilding, aviation schools, engine factories, machine shops, saw mills, tent and uniform manufacturers and other industries working on government defense orders.

Commenting on the electric industry's preparation for national defense, Mr. de Moya stated, "The United States is the greatest producer of electric power in the world. Its generating capacities are greater than those of England, France and Germany combined. Electrifying our country is a network of interconnected high-power lines from coast to coast. This grid system is the most economical and efficient method of distributing power."

"England copied our American grid and unified its power distribution several years ago. The Battle of Britain has put this system to the supreme test, because in modern warfare power plants are primary military objectives. If a plant is bombed power can be quickly transmitted to the stricken area from other power sources."

"In addition to this protection, the grid system offers easy flexibility for expansion, as industrial centers become decentralized, and it is a comparatively simple matter to run a higher power line from a main circuit to a new factory or camp, instead of building a new station to provide power for the project. We had an example of this in our own state, when Florida Power & Light Company connected its lines to Camp Blanding. This is just one instance of hundreds throughout the country, where private utilities are saving the government millions of dollars which can now be spent directly for ships, planes, guns, tanks and other necessities of defense, instead of for additional power plants."

"These networks of power lines, like our own interconnected Sunshine Service system, are the result of long-range planning by the private utilities. These companies don't force this defense emergency. They simply pursued the most efficient, most economical way of developing their facilities. Now, since power is the most important basic factor in industry, these plans of electricity constitute one of the strongest defense weapons our country possesses."

Car Meets Plane; Car Takes Ditch

Report is made of a peculiar and unusual accident out on Road No. 26, south of Okeechobee, one day last week, one that should be recorded in the record.

R. F. Boss, foreman for the Manley Construction Company, and George Baisdale, were traveling down the highway at a 60 mile rate, when they discovered a fleet of air planes flying toward the lake on the right of way, one of them right in the center of the road, and at a very low level.

Boss was looking for the plane to zoom up into the air, but when it did not do so, he threw his car to the side of the road and took a plunge over the embankment toward the canal, and by so doing the plane missed striking his car.

The auto turned over several times, but did not go into the canal but was badly wrecked. Boss and Baisdale came out of their car only slightly injured, but nearly scared to death.

The planes were from Opa-Locka, near Miami, and the officer in charge later stated that the student pilot in charge of the plane had frozen the controls and they could not elevate the plane so as to prevent an accident. As the plane was traveling 100 miles and the auto at 60, had collision occurred, there would have been a terrible smash up and possibly fatal results. The Army officer praised Boss's courage for sending his car to the bank.

Former Okeechobee Man Dies In W P B

William Solomon, of West Palm Beach, a former resident of Okeechobee county died Sunday from a stroke of apoplexy. After going to West Palm Beach to make his home for several years he operated a trucking line hauling stone from Key West for the Mizzur's.

STRANGE CRAFT

A ship passed through the State Canal enroute from Ft. Lauderdale to Miami, the past week. It was a Chinese junk with the name of Mon Lee, owned by Capt. C. F. Montleith, who purchased the old junk, wood boat in Hong Kong, China, several years ago. Capt. Montleith, as he has sailed all the seven seas and visited most of the important ports of the world. He uses the old boat as a marine museum which he uses for exhibition purposes.

New Rule For Teachers Planned

At the conference of state school officials and district trustees of Palm Beach County, at the office of Supt. John Leonard, Friday, in relation to the matter of hiring school teachers under the new continuity law, which ties in with the new teacher pension act, a plan of action was adopted. Hereafter, when qualified teachers have held employment for a period of two years in the school system, they will automatically be recommended by trustees for employment, unless there be some real cause for a negative recommendation. The County Board of Education at its next business session is expected to place such resolution into effect.

Tampa Concern To Build Ships

The ship yards of the Tampa Shipbuilding Co., at Tampa, have been designated by the Navy Department as a naval building, and will station a Navy shipyard. The company will conduct repairs on submarines, and will build mine sweepers and other small naval craft. This shipbuilding corporation has also been awarded a \$12,000,000 contract for the building of four large freight boats for the Navy's mercantile department. Total contracts for improvements and building of ships amount to around \$20,000,000, which should bring prosperity to the west coast city.

Bombing Range For Okeechobee

Report is current that Okeechobee is to be selected as an auxiliary air base, and that the Government has already surveyed and fenced in several hundred acres of land. The field will be used as training station for air bombers. Just what the development will consist of, has not been publicly disclosed.

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